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In re application of:

ADRIENNE W. PATON, et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2002, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following remarks. A response to the Office Action was due on March 2, 2002. With a one-month extension of time, the due date for response falls on Sunday, March 31, 2002. Therefore, a petition to extend the time for response for one month to Monday, April 1, 2002, is herewith enclosed.

REMARKS

Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I. The invention claimed by Applicants arises out of a common inventive concept or idea.